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ENCLOSURES: Please find attached the Agenda for the telephone interview for Application No. 10/786,941. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Confirmation No. 3803

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Examiner: Michael Pham

Serial No.: 10/786,941

Group Art Unit No.: 2167

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AGENDA FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 17, 2009, the shortened statutory period for reply which runs until November 17, 2009, representatives of the Applicants (herein "Representatives") propose to hold a telephone interview according to the following agenda.

1. Telephone interview date and time. Thursday, August 13, 2009, 1:00 PM Eastern. For any changes, please call Eric L. Sutton at (408) 414-1210.
2. Participants. Michael Pham, Examiner for the USPTO. Marcel K. Bingham (Reg. No. 42,327), and Eric L. Sutton (Reg. No. 61,173) for the Applicants.
3. Topic. Applicant's Representatives would like to discuss the differences between Claim 1 and Fujiwara, with reference to the Figures and Figure summaries provided herein.

Claim 1

Claim 1 features a request that specifies a database statement and "a tag that does not conform to a database language of said database statement." The specification provides an example execution interface for executing database statements with the tag field: DBMS_SQLPARSE(cursor, 'SELECT * FROM emp', v7, 'resource=g1 id=scott').

Fujiwara

Fujiwara involves masking cells that a user is not privileged to access. Fujiwara modifies the original SQL query by inserting a call to the masking function, resulting in cited SQL query 1202 of FIG. 12.

FIG. 2

View of Data

MD_ID	PT_ID	VST	P_NM	AGE	SEX	MD_ID	DRG	STAY	COST	PMT	MD_ID	VOL	Avg STAY	Avg COST	Avg PMT
2222				64	M	123	7	1000	1200		2222	1	3	600	900
				25	F	123	123	2	1200	1500		2	6	900	900
	12345	E	AREN	55	M	2222	127	3	600	500		1	2	1200	1500
				65	F	2222	234	5	800	700					
MD_ID	PT_ID	VST	P_NM	AGE	SEX	MD_ID	DRG	STAY	COST	PMT	MD_ID	VOL	Avg STAY	Avg COST	Avg PMT
3333	12345	1	AREN	64	M	3333	123	7	1000	1200		1	3	600	900
				25	F	3333	123	2	1200	1500		2	6	900	900
				55	M	3333	127	3	600	500		1	2	1200	1500
	97531	1	MARY	55	F	3333	234	5	800	700					
MD_ID	PT_ID	VST	P_NM	AGE	SEX	MD_ID	DRG	STAY	COST	PMT	MD_ID	VOL	Avg STAY	Avg COST	Avg PMT
4444				64	M	4444	123	7	1000	1200		1	3	600	900
				25	F	4444	123	2	1200	1500		2	6	900	900
	234051	1	ERIN	55	M	4444	127	3	600	500		1	2	1200	1500
				65	F	4444	234	5	800	700					

FIG. 11

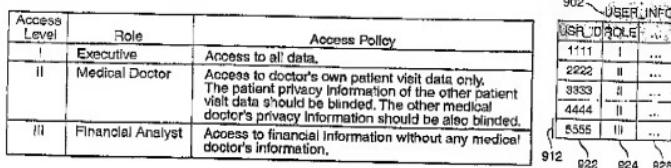
An original SQL query "written using conventional SQL constructs" that includes "a SELECT statement, specifying one or more column references (sometimes referred to as attributes, fields, etc.), which constitute the result of the query." Par. [0068], [0072].

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SELECT c.PT_ID,
       i.VST,
       p.P_NM,
       p.AGE, p.SEX,
       i.MD_ID,
       m.D_NM,
       m.DRG, i.STAY...
  FROM INPT_FACT i, MD_FACT m, PT_FACT p
 WHERE i.PT_ID=p.PT_ID AND i.MD_ID = m.MD_ID AND ...;
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FIGS. 8 AND 9

FIG. 8 shows a data access policy. "A user information table 902 (USER_INFO) contains a user record (e.g., user record 912) for each user. Each record includes a user-id field 922 and a role field 924, in addition to other user-related information 926. The role field identifies the access level privileges for each user, per the access policy of FIG. 8." Par. [0047].



"If a role II user issues the query such as: SELECT * FROM PT_FACT; then, all PT_ID, and P_NM columns should be blinded (masked), because a role II user . . . can only make his/her own patient list." Par. [0052].

FIG. 12

"As can be seen the translation process 1210 is simply a textual replacement in the original query of the masked column references by their corresponding function calls." Par. [0073]. "Continuing with FIG. 12, the translation process 1210 converts an original query 1102 [FIG. 11] into a translated query 1202. The translated query is then transmitted to the DBMS 702, where the query is executed."

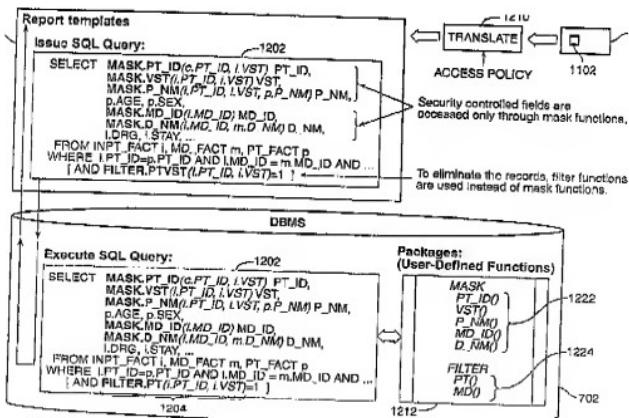


FIG. 13

A SQL query effectuating "changes to the access policy," reflecting change "to add AGE column as a mask column." Par. [0039], [0078].

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'SELECT MASK.PT_ID(c.PT_ID, i.VST) PT_ID,
       MASK.VST(i.PT_ID, i.VST) VST,
       MASK.P_NM(i.PT_ID, i.VST, p.P_NM) P_NM,
       {MASK.AGE(i.PT_ID, i.VST, p.AGE)} AGE,
       p.SEX,
       MASK.MD_ID(i.MD_ID) MD_ID,
       MASK.D_NM(m.MD_ID, m.D_NM) D_NM,
       i.DRG, i.STAY...
  FROM INPT_FACT i, MD_FACT m, PT_FACT p
 WHERE i.PT_ID=p.PT_ID AND i.MD_ID = m.MD_ID AND ...;'
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Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM 1

1. (Previously Presented) A machine-implemented method for executing a database statement, the method comprising the steps of:
a database server receiving a request to execute the database statement, wherein the request specifies the database statement and a tag that does not conform to a database language of said database statement;
wherein said tag specifies at least one parameter field and at least one parameter value;
in response to receiving the request, said database server storing the tag;
said database server executing said database statement, wherein during execution of said database statement said database server provides access to one or more of the at least one parameter value through a tag access mechanism provided by said database server.

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/786,941 First Named Applicant: Daniel ManHung Wong
 Examiner: Michael Pham Art Unit: 2167 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Michael Pham (2) Eric L. Sutton
 (3) Marcel K. Bingham (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: October 15, 2009 Proposed Time: 1 PM Eastern (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) [X] Telephonic (2) [] Personal (3) [] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [] YES [X] NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Ref., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rej.	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(2) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(3) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(4) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]

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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

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This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

/Eric L Sutton#61173/

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Eric L Sutton

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